

Turkey Run Nature Center Activities

Monday, June 30

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to put out seed, suet & nectar, & then watch the animals eat and interact through the windows of the observation room.

11am Lusk Home Tour – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 10:45 a.m.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover the joy of stargazing during a 40-minute tour of tonight’s skies. Constellations, legends, planets and more! *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

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Wednesday, July 2

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11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Nature Center.

Thursday, July 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30am Animal Parts – Explore beaver tails, flying squirrel skin flaps, fox ears and much more during a fun 30-minute program at the Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Friday, July 4

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11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

5-7pm Naturalist In The Campground – Watch for the naturalist to see what cool thing she has in her bucket.

Saturday, July 5

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

***9:45pm Night Hike!** – Meet at the nature center for a 1-hour easy hike into the night. Test all your senses. Bring a flashlight if possible so you can sniff for spiders!

Interpretive programs are designed to entertain & enrich people of all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Hoosier Quest Program

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Sunday, July 6

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30am Snakes & Turtles – See, touch & hear all about some live native reptiles during a 45-minute program at the nature center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Monday, July 7

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Tuesday, July 8

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Wednesday, July 9

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Thursday, July 10

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am Fern Frolic** – Turkey Run is famous for its ferns. Discover why they’re so amazing while hiking one of our most beautiful trails. 1½-hour rugged hike. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Friday, July 11

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Pioneer Heritage Festival

Saturday, July 12

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to put out seed, suet & nectar, & then watch the animals eat and interact through the windows of the observation room.

10am-12:30pm Make It & Take It – Experience the life and times of folks who lived on the frontier during the early 1800s. Dip candles, tie cornhusk dolls & much, much more throughout the morning. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - Enjoy the night sky the Pioneers navigated by during a 40-minute program. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

***3-5pm Pioneer Ice Cream Social** – Try your hand at hand cranking, play with Pioneer games and toys, and buy some refreshing ice cream, cookies and lemonade to help raise money to restore the Lusk Home kitchen. Nature Center.

7:30 & 8:30pm Lusk Home Tours – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for one of two guided 1-hour tours of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Doors open at 7:15pm.

Sunday, July 13

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Monday, July 14

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Tuesday, July 15

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

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Wednesday, July 16

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Thursday, July 17

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am Wildflower Hike** – Take a look at what beauty Turkey Run has to offer during a 1-hour moderate flower hike. Nature Center front porch.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

7pm Volunteers In Parks - Gather in the Dogwood Room at the INN to attend the monthly meeting of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Each meeting starts with an interesting program. Then stick around to see what our hard working volunteers are up to these days. If you'd like to volunteer at Shades and Turkey Run, this is a good way to get started and a great way to make some new like-minded friends!

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5-7pm Naturalist In The Campground – Watch for the naturalist to see what cool thing she has in her bucket.

Saturday, July 19

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10am Alien Invaders!!** – Join our intern, Kyle Rush, for a brief introduction to the plants & animals that are causing big problems for the Park, and then win prizes during a short, fun activity. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

3-4pm Naturalist On The Steps – Watch for the naturalist at the top of the 70 Steps (above the suspension bridge) to see what cool thing she has in her bucket.

***9pm Owl Prowl** – Come to the Nature Center to meet 3 common owls. Learn their calls & hike into the night to call them in. 1-hour moderate night hike.

Sunday, July 20

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30am What We Are About – Meet in front of the nature center to explore the fascinating past of Turkey Run. Great for all ages - don't miss this 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

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10:30am Creepy Crawlies – Come to the Nature Center to learn about creepy crawlies and then taste some for yourself! 1-hour program.

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Astronomy Day

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10am-12pm Star Crafts – Gather in front of the nature center to make star clocks, constellation guides, sundials, solar ovens, solar wood-burnt cutting boards & more. \$1/person

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center

***3-4pm Water Bottle Rockets** – Gather in front of the nature center to launch water bottles 30 feet in the air.

4pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Turkey Run Nature Center

10pm-1am Stargazing at The Shades – Bring blankets and reclining chairs to the Dell Shelter parking lot at Shades State Park for our late night star party. Look through the powerful telescopes of members of the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society, enjoy binocular and naked eye star gazing with a naturalist, and hear the legends that date to the beginnings of astronomy. Admission to the Park is free with Turkey Run gate receipt or camping tag.

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